

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE



Writ of Election

WHEREAS, the March 1, 2017 ascension of United States Representative Ryan Zinke to the office of Secretary of the Interior creates a vacancy in the United States House seat for the State of Montana;

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 2 (4) of the Constitution of the United States requires the Executive Authority of the State to issue a Writ of Election to fill such vacancy in the office of United States Representative;

WHEREAS, state law requires that, "If a vacancy occurs in the office of . . . United States Representative, the governor shall immediately order an election to be held to fill the vacancy," § 13-25-203 (1), Mont. Code Ann.; and

WHEREAS, state law further requires that, "The election to fill the unexpired term must be held no less than 85 and no more than 100 days from the date on which the vacancy occurs," § 13-25-203 (2), Mont. Code Ann.

THEREFORE, pursuant to the mandates of the United States Constitution and laws of the State of Montana, I do hereby order that a statewide special election be held for the purpose of filling this vacancy in the office of United States Representative. The election shall be held on Thursday, May 25, 2017.



GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 1st day of March 2017.

A blue ink signature of Steve Bullock, the Governor of Montana, written over a horizontal line.

STEVE BULLOCK
Governor

Attest:

A blue ink signature of Corey Stapleton, the Secretary of State of Montana, written over a horizontal line.

COREY STAPLETON
Secretary of State